

WICKS WATERLOO.

(By Arthur Morrison in Metrop. Itan Magazine)
Continued from our last issue.

"Well, oab Tom Blyth were his nephew; so you see he came of pretty tough stock. Oad Tom were the last o' the big freighters hereabout, and this here brandy came in one of his

last freights. There aren't no more o' the Blyths left now except a darter, as were a young gal at the time.

"Now one, of Master Wicks, new dodges was to watch for the carriers, 'stead o' the boats. You know what that 'ud mean, o' course. He'd let the watch off-shore go easy, an' 'b keep his eye on one or two o' the men as was certain to be taken on to carry the tubs inland as soon as they were landed. Like as not—it's pretty certain, in fact—one of them was an informer. The dodge wasn't of great advantage except it were unexpected you see. When you got your cargo ashore, fair an easy an' everything seemed going right, you got a bit less careful. An' so long as the preventive men kep' the carriers in sight, wherever they might be, the tubs must come to 'em sooner or later. But then information's a thing as can travel both ways as you may ha' noticed. I believe I've told you the story o' the two Drakes, Eli and Rob-in, an' the Black Badger?"

"Yes, of course—I know that well. And, indeed, I told this story again, in print, but that was long after Rob-shobery Dove was dead and gone.

"Well you'll remember that one of them lotters was a preventive man an' the other a smuggler, an' the arrangement workee very well for both of 'em. That was twenty before the time I'm talkin' of now, an' George Fourth were king; but there was still a bit o' the same sort o' thing goin', an' if there wasn't brothers on two sides there was one or two o' the out-guard as were pretty good friends with the smugglers. So as I was sayin', information being a thing as can travel both ways, and Tom Blyth, an' the rest of 'em wasn't far behind Master Archie Wicks' moves, however he made 'em.

"Now when this little cargo was comin' in, Wicks was all on the look-out for tub carriers, but oad Tom was up sides with him from the beginnin'. The word was passed for carriers to meet at Pestus corner after dark, an' there they did. And there, sure enough, was Mr. Archie Wicks, and one or two of his men, lying low and watchin' ready to follow wherever the carriers might go. Sure enough they did follow, an' the carriers, making fair an open along the main road, led 'em all the way to Priety well, to the Spread Eagle, and there they went in the whole gang of 'em into the club room. An' while Mr. Wicks waited up at the Spread Eagle, the chief of floor and all the patrols waited down on Sou' church beach, to be handy as soon as the carriers made a move. And that was all that happened. For the carriers they just sat down and had a sing song an' called for what they pleased.

"And then went home?"

"Ay, they scattered all out an' went home when the house closed at last. You can't follow forty men going forty different ways home to forty different places! An' not much good if you could. Golden Adams, that had charge of the gang and was chairman of the sing song, he came out first, an' called on Mr. Archie Wicks for a sing—out in the road, at the top of his voice. So Mr. Wicks, a lyin' there hiding behind the hedge, tumbled to the swindle and sneaked off quiet enough, to make the best tale he could to the chief officer. He guessed then, did Mr. Wicks, that the carriers hadn't been wanted that night to carry tubs at all, but just to carry off him an' the rest o' the coastguard to a place where they couldn't do no harm, while the cargo came ashore safe an' easy somewhere else. So the first round of the fight was all again, Mr. Archie Wicks. The carriers, they spent a jolly evening and Tom Blyth an' his boats crew, they got their cargo in quiet and secret, and everybody was pleased except Mr. Archie Wicks an' the chief officer, who hadn't been kep' out o' bed so late for years.

"Mr. Wicks wasn't done for yet. Not he. He knewed well enough the cargo had been landed safe, an' put somewhere. Consequence it were his business to find it. It was plain it couldn't ha' gone far, the carriers not havin' touched it, an' so he starts out to look for it in the neighborhood.

"I told you oad Tom Blyth had a darter. Nell were her name, an' a very takin' sort o' gal she were to look at at that time. Different young chaps went a-coutin' to Nell Blyth at different times, but just then, I were

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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1907

INCOME	
Premiums	\$62,735.85
Interest	7,463.20
	\$70,199.05
DISBURSEMENTS	
Death Claims less reinsurance	\$ 7,000.00
Notes Voided	3,722.04
Commission & Ag'cy Expenses	23,548.81
Medical Fees and Inspections	3,427.50
Adv., P'ting, Sta'ry.	3,704.62
Home Office Expenses	8,659.62
Taxes and Licenses	2,006.37
Total disbursements	\$52,068.96
Excess of Receipts over disbursement	18,130.09
	\$70,199.05

ASSETS	
Mortgage Loans	\$86,790.00
Cash at Int. & other	
Int. Bearing Assets	27,761.08
Cash in Office and in Banks	11,881.86
Due from Agents	6,160.92
Due and Accrued Int.	2,465.04
Due and Deferred Premiums	5,781.91
	\$140,840.81

LIABILITIES	
Policy Reserve (net)	\$36,838.00
Int. Paid in Advance	448.70
Accrued Expenses	875.00
Capital Stock	100,000.00
Surplus	2,679.11
	\$140,840.81

INSURANCE STATEMENT.	
Policies in force Dec. 31, 1906	674
Issued and Revived	725
Total	1,399
Ceased	240
Policies in Force Dec. 31, '07, 1159	\$2,044,475

\$3.70 of Assets for every \$1.00 of Liability.

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Joe Furber, a bit of a smuggler himself though a bootlegger in the main, Mr. Archie Wicks, so smart an, known among the gals as he were, was allus ready to pass the time, today to Nell Blyth, an' so, the next mornin' after the sing song at Priety well, up goes Mr. Wicks, altho' he was in the Queen's uniform, to oad Tom Blyth, to fascinate his darter, Nell. He'd took care to see oad Tom safe down at the Smoke Inn first, and up went he, sure o' findin' Nell alone.

"Nell weren't exactly alone, for Joe Furber were there, talking with Nell over the fence, but Archie Wicks were clever an, free with his chaff, he soon had poor young Joe duntin' an' masherin' altogether an' sneakin' off alone, sulky an' beat out. An' then he turned on his most gallishious gambick to young Nell, an' presently they were whisperin' and laughin', together that thick you'd never guess there were such a party alive.

"Ah, well," says Archie Wicks, "I'm off duty now, an' when I'm off I can shut my eyes as well as another. En? You know? An' he winks most coagin' 'I can shut my eyes to some things when I ain't on duty, my dear, though not to a pretty face like yours. Why, I was up as well as never mind where, I'll never let it out—I was up at a place where they mixed me as stiff a noggin' o' moonshine—ay, straight o' the tub, too—as ever I hope to taste. Prime stuff it were, bein' all in the way o' friendship, d'ya think I don't shut one eye? Ay, an' both on em! But I opened my mouth—an, might be glad to open it again for liquor half good, too, if there was anybody

AIKEN RACE MEET.

SOME INTERESTING EVENTS
SCHEDULED FOR MARCH
24 AND 25.

Aiken, March 18.—Aiken's race meet, which will be held on March 24 and 25, promises to be a most successful schedule of races, covering two days, will be noted with interest. Entries will be received up to Monday night, March 23, at 8 o'clock.

Try me!"

"Could you take a drop now?" says Nell, pleased as Punch with her new beau. "Could you? Spose a friend were to offer it, quietly?"

"Could I?" says Archie Wicks, pleased as she was, though for another reason. "Could I?" says he, "just you try me, my dear! Lord bless ye, I know well enough your dear old dad can give a friend a drop o' the proper stuff, or you for him. An' if I can't shut my eyes with such a nice girl as you about—I well I count I know which way to turn 'ery as a friend!"

"Well, young Nell Blyth, bright an' giggling, she took him to the keep-in' to me, and she pulls out a big clasp from the wall, and slides the wainset behind it. An' sure enough Mr. Archie Wicks did know which way to turn his eyes, and there to see, behind the wainset, rows an' rows o' new tubs—a l packed snug as cuckies be

(to be continued)

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The remittitur from the Supreme Court was sent down today, affirming the sentence of the trial Court, and up on hearing that the remittitur had reached the clerk of Court's office Mr. Zimmerman, who has been out on bond voluntarily went to the clerk's office and informed Clerk Walker that he was ready to begin his term. Clerk Walker went with him to the office of Sheriff Coleman across the hall, and the aged prisoner was then in custody. However, the sheriff did not insist on accompanying him to the prison, but Mr. Zimmerman and his young son went down together in a carriage and the sheriff followed as a matter of form to get his official receipt for the prisoner from the superintendent of the Penitentiary. The young man broke down as his father entered the Penitentiary and as his name was recorded on the books of the institution, it was also came to see him a few minutes later. Superintendent Griffith will assign to Mr. Zimmerman some light duties in what is known as the loom room of the prison, where the clothes for the convicts are made. Mr. Zimmerman is 69 years of age and his health is very poor; in fact it is understood that disease has made serious inroads on his constitution.

HELPLESS IN A BALLOON.

From "A Woman's Adventures in a Balloon," by Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, in the April Metropolitan Magazine.

So interested had I been in what we ourselves were doing that we had scarcely noticed the gathering crowd that was running along through the streets, following our progress. A balloon flying over New York is not a common sight—although it is quite likely it soon will be—and our passage was creating something of a sensation. We became aware of the crowd now—most painfully aware of it—for we felt a tug, and looking down, saw that someone had grasped the drag rope, which was bouncing along the pavement. Others joined this first experimenting fellow, and in a flash we were absolutely at the mercy of these men, who, ignorant of ballooning, could not guess in what deadly danger they were placing us.

Our great bag of gas struggled for a moment, but the odds were too great and, yielding to the strength of the crowd holding on the rope, it began to descend.

There are a great many tall buildings in that vicinity—apartment houses and hotels. We scraped safely over the sloping roofs of some, but we felt that it was inevitable we must foul with a tall church spire, which might pierce the bag and dash us to the street, or else upset the basket which would have much the same unpleasant effect.

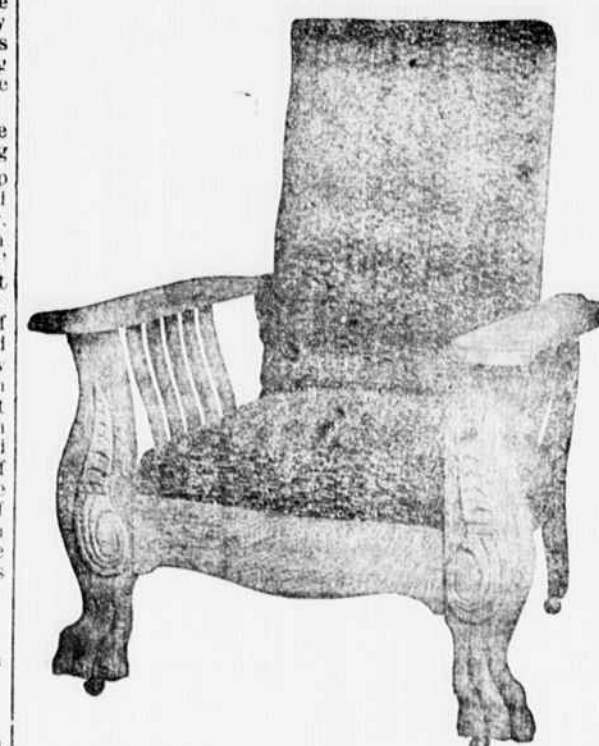
At just the proper minute, when it seemed we must strike, Mr. Knabenshue climbed to the rim of the basket, and grasping the "master ring" with both hands, swung with all his weight upon it. This pulled the great bag over and permitted it to barely miss the pointed spire. Our basket, however, hit it, and we tilted far over, but we held tight until we had been dragged clear by the thoughtless, shouting crowd at the rope.

Perhaps they thought they were doing us a favor—Heaven knows—but shout as we might, we could not make them understand that we did not want to come down, and that their persistence was dangerous. By this time they had dragged us almost to the pavement, and we were able to attract the attention of a policeman. We made him understand what we wanted, and after some strenuous effort, he persuaded the men to let go, and with a sigh of relief we felt our selves ascending again.

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Edgefield, S. C. March 13th, 1908.

Mr. W. J. Hatcher.

Johnston, S. C.

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